



New Jersey Cooperative Education Association

NJCEA
2024-2025
John Hillard-President

I would like to welcome all members to the New Jersey Cooperative Education Association (NJCEA) 2024-2025. We look forward to an exciting and interesting year for Work Based Learning (WBL). While we may hold various titles, our goal is to assist all students in apprenticeship, cooperative education, community service, internship, or other paid/unpaid WBL experiences.

One goal is to offer sponsored membership meetings with presentations related to WBL. NJCEA will also be participating in meetings, conferences, and conventions. We will be sponsoring presentations at the NJEA Convention and will have a table on the convention floor. I will work diligently to provide NJCEA Scholarships. Last year we offered 30 scholarships totalling \$375,000.

In person executive committee/membership meetings start at 12:30pm for lunch followed by presentations and meeting at 1:00pm. I will send updates and any information provided by David Gerhke, WBL Coordinator, NJDOE, and Dr. Derek Shendell, Director, New Jersey Safe Schools.

Our October 17, 2024 NJCEA Membership Meeting will be held at PENNCO TECH, 99 Erial Rd, Blackwood, NJ 08012 starting at 12:30pm with lunch, followed by presentations and our meeting. Please RSVP to John Hillard at jvhillard74@yahoo.com by October 10th if you plan to attend the October 17th meeting.

A 2024-2025 NJCEA membership form is attached. Membership must be paid by 12/31/24 to be eligible for participation in the 2025 NJCEA scholarship program and meetings. Membership is open all year if you chose to join in 2025. An agenda and professional development certificate will be provided for all meetings. Contact me at 856-220-8457 with any questions. I look forward to meeting with you. Have a great school year!

Please review and save the following meeting dates for 2024-2025:

October 17, 2024	Membership	In-person	12:30
Location: Pennco Tech, 99 Erial Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012 Sponsor/Presenter, Pennco Tech, Karl Mancuso, Director			
October 29, 2024	Membership	Virtual	6:30pm
November 7/8, 2024	NJEA Convention	In-person	All/Both Days
December 12, 2024	Executive Committee	In-person	12:30
Location: Joe Italiano's Maplewood, 470 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037 Sponsor/Presenter, Career Safe, Casey West, Regional Representative			
February 13, 2025	Membership	In-person	12:30
Location: Town & Country Diner, Rt. 130 N., Bordentown, NJ Sponsor/Presenter, Automotive Training Center, Samantha Mantegna, Admissions			

March 20, 2025 **Executive Committee** **In-person** **12:30**
Location: Town & Country Diner, Rt. 130 N., Bordentown, NJ
Sponsor/Presenter, University of Northwestern Ohio, John Moore, Admissions

May 15, 2025 **Membership** **In-person** **12:30**
Location: TBD
Sponsor/Presenter, Rizzieri Aveda School, Victoria Sceia, Admissions

Sincerely,
John V. Hillard, Jr.
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NJCEA President
Scholarship Chair